

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Shinji SHIMOSAKI

Art Unit: not yet assigned

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Attorney Dkt. No.: 12054-0029

For: METHOD OF PURIFYING METAL SALT, AND DEOXIDIZING METHOD AND  
PRODUCTION METHOD OF TITANIUM MATERIAL

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

September 28, 2004

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits of the above-identified application, please amend  
the application as set forth below.

**Amendments to the claims are submitted on page 2.**

**Amendments to the abstract are submitted on page 5.**

**Remarks are submitted on page 6.**

**A clean copy of the abstract is submitted on page 7.**